



DUSAK



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR Saturday, FEB 10, 2007

1:30 pm

Winter Alumni Meeting Drexel Basketball Game

and Dinner
(Details inside)

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Winter, 2006

Alpha Upsilon is back!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1904, a small but determined group of forward-thinking men created a secret society called "Nu Phi", which stood for "non-fraternity", to attempt to take control of the Literary Society at the College of Charleston. The Society was being run by a slate of candidates supported by the three National Fraternities on the campus. Although they were ultimately unsuccessful in their quest, the bonds that they formed and the passion of Alexander Kroeg resulted in the creation of their own fraternity, which they named Pi Kappa Phi.

For those of us who were members of Alpha Upsilon in the late 70's, you will recognize a similarity between the experiences of the founders and our own experience, except that it was one of our own, Mark Scali '78, who created the IFA slate of candidates and it was the Student Congress that we controlled.

Far from being the non-fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi was the leading fraternity on Drexel's Campus. The similarities between our experience and that of our founders underscores the fact that we were all brought together from varied backgrounds and generations under the motto of the fraternity "Nothing Shall Ever Tear Us Assunder"

In 1933, the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of

Pi Kappa Phi was Chartered at Drexel University as the first National Fraternity on the Campus. Since then our Chapter has grown to include over 1,300 brothers and, during those years, created an atmosphere where lifelong friendships were begun and leadership qualities were nurtured and developed.

The cornerstone of the continuous success of the fraternity had always been a strong and active Alumni Chapter. Unfortunately, in the late 1980's and 1990's, the Alumni Chapter became less active than it was in years past, and, the Undergraduate Chapter fell into a decline that resulted in a revocation of our Charter by the National office and a loss of status as a recognized Campus Organization by Drexel in 2003.

I am pleased to report that, with the support of the National Office, in the Spring term of 2007 we will be initiating a group of undergraduates as associate members, who will go through a year long process that will culminate in the Re-Chartering of the Chapter in May, 2008, concurrent with the 75th anniversary of our founding.

In conjunction with the new beginning of the undergraduate chapter, several groups of Alumni in various parts of the country recognized that in order for the undergraduate chapter to be successful, a strong alumni base of

support is required. I was fortunate enough to be a part of one of those groups of alumni that realized that something needed to be done to reinvigorate our alumni base.

We have had 3 Alumni meetings during this year and we are pleased to report that attendance and interest has been steadily increasing at each meeting. Fred Schmehl, who has been the President of the Alumni Corporation for as long as anyone can remember, and who's legacy and service to the Chapter is unparalleled, has elected to pass the mantle to a new generation of brothers. Freddy will continue to be serve on the Board in an honorary capacity.

Over the past few months, we have been developing several means by which to provide a positive, tangible fraternal experience for our 1,300 + alumni. These efforts include an improved and regularly published DUSAK, a website that will provide an efficient means of communicating information and, as reported later in this issue, organizing events for our alumni.

In closing, all of us on the Board of Directors are excited about the possibilities and the challenges that lay ahead of us. We look forward to working with you to make Pi Kappa Phi a rewarding alumni experience and reestablishing Alpha Upsilon at Drexel as Drexel's leading fraternity.

3405 Powelton Avenue

In 1994, after the fire, the house underwent a major renovation which included upgrades to current codes compliance for all building systems. In the years since, many rooms were fitted out with lofts, bars, walls and even stairs to the attic, all of which violate building codes and render the house unsafe for its residents.

Following the removal of the undergraduate chapter in December of 2003, while the house was unoccupied, the heater stopped working resulting in the freezing and bursting of a sprinkler pipe on the sec-

ond floor. The flowing water resulted in significant damage to the ceiling, walls and floor on the first 2 floors. Later in January of 2004, before the house was secured by Drexel, vandals entered the house and destroyed all of the plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms, resulting in more water damage. We are in the process of assembling estimates from contractors to restore the house. A work day is scheduled for December 9 where interested alumni can come and see the house and help with the initial

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Founders at the Pi
Kappa Phi Gate -
College of Charleston



**ALUMNI MEETING
AND
DREXEL B-BALL
GAME & DINNER**
February 10, 2007
1:30 PM
Chapter House
3405 Powelton Ave

Fred Schmehl AU # 400 Initiated 1954

Most of us remember Fred as that short, balding, somewhat round man usually in a brown suit who was ever present at alumni gatherings. He was known for bringing boxes of Bachmann pretzels to meetings, being perplexed about why we could never get an over and under statement done correctly, bothered by the fact that we thought the social budget was more important than the funds balances, and why we couldn't remember to put money in the savings accounts for the funds. He tells stories about the coffee pot in the kitchen where undergraduates would sit and talk brotherhood, wondered when we are going to replace the piano in the living room, making a car out of a kit, and taking trips to car races.

Regardless of how the undergraduate brotherhood changed over the years Fred has always been there to help. Fred has never turned and walked away because the fraternity was not exactly what he thought it should be or thought it should be doing. He has been there in both the good and the bad times of Alpha Upsilon.

In 2001 through the efforts of Jim Krucher, Beta Alpha, Fred was awarded the highest honor bestowed on a brother by the fraternity – Mr. Pi Kappa Phi. Fred was honored for his continuous dedicated service to the Alpha Upsilon Chapter for over forty-five years. Fred isn't a sports hero, isn't a business tycoon, doesn't have his name on a Drexel building, and wasn't an officer for the national

fraternity – just a brother who has cared about his chapter and stayed active his entire life.

Before John Deimler passed away, he told me that he knew that Alpha Upsilon was in good hands with brothers like Fred Schmehl - because John understood what the true value of brotherhood is and what life long commitment is all about. He knew that Fred Schmehl did to.

Note – Fred Schmehl still serves Alpha Upsilon as an Emeritus Member of the Board of Directors.

Walter Keith Sheppard

AU 725

Initiated 1969

Alumni Notes

We are trying to locate the oldest Alumnus. If you know the location of **Lane F McBurney** or **John McNutt**, please contact Steve Markley. There are 35 Alumni initiated before 1940 who are listed as active in our records. The Names of those Alumni are listed on

our website. If you know their location, please contact Steve.

Major General John Stoner '51, who is the highest ranking military officer to have graduated from Drexel is retired and living in South Jersey. If anyone would like to contact General Stoner or

any of your brothers, please e-mail Steve or Tony for the contact info.

Please send Steve Markley a note or an e-mail with updates about yourself, your family, career, etc. at smarkley@fdriscoll.com

Events of 2003

In December, 2003, the Undergraduate Chapter's Charter was revoked by National and the Fraternity's recognition on Campus was revoked by Drexel. Although there was a minor hazing event that triggered the final action by Drexel and the National Office, the shut down was more a result of a series of events and incidents over past years that had the cumulative effect of placing the under-

graduate chapter on probation for extended periods. Both Drexel and the National Office concluded that the direction in which the undergraduate chapter was headed, if left unchecked, would have resulted in a more serious problem for both the school and the fraternity. This was not a unique experience of Pi Kappa Phi.

Nationally, Pi Kappa Phi had

experienced an alcohol-related death at the Chico State Chapter in 2000, and another in 2005 at Gamma Chapter, UC Berkley. These tragic events have strengthened the Fraternity's resolve to have a strict Alcohol Responsibility education program that is a major focus during the re-colonization education process.

Over the past 5 years, 10 fraternities on Drexel's cam-

pus have met the same fate, following a national trend where chapters are shut down and restarted with current values and standards. SAE has been granted permission to re-colonize in Winter Term 2007 and we are expecting to be approved to re-colonize in Spring Term, 2007.

History of Alpha Upsilon Chapter

The Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1931 had been corresponding with a local fraternity named Kappa Sigma Delta as a prospect for expansion. The first correspondence on record was a letter from the president of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter, Lewis Shemery, Alpha Mu Chapter, Penn State to Elmer Becker of the New York Alumni Chapter giving a brief sketch of the merits of the local group. Mr Shemery was the Credit Manager at James Lees & Sons, which also employed KSD alumni Bob Oberholtzer, Dick Oberholtzer and M Richard Kauffman. On December 1, 1932, Bob Oberholtzer and Lewis Shemery submitted a preliminary petition to Pi Kappa Phi to be considered for

admittance as a chapter.

In order for a chapter to be accepted, the three nearest chapters, Psi, Alpha Mu, and Alpha Xi, as well as the New York Alumni, the District Archon and the Supreme Council had to vote in the affirmative, and a formal petition had to be submitted through the Executive Secretary Howard D. Leake. From that point, events progressed quickly. Inspection Visits were made by Howard Leake and Supreme Archon M Pelzer Wagener followed by a visit in January 1933 by District Archon William J Berry and a representative of Alpha Xi Chapter. Obviously, all conditions were met because on January 19, 1933, Berry wrote to Bob Oberholtzer, "After a

careful review of conditions as I found them at Drexel Institute and in the Kappa Sigma Delta Fraternity, and in particular after a study of the financial statement which you submitted to me, I take pleasure in advising you to proceed at once with your formal petition for admission into Pi Kappa Phi.

TO BE CONTINUED....

(This is an excerpt from a series of articles prepared by Brother John W. Deimler, Alpha Upsilon Chapter Number 19, one of the founding members of our Chapter. This series will continue in future issues until the 75th Anniversary in May 2008.)

The Future

I'm sure you will notice the new look of the DUSAK. This is probably the first one you have received in several years. The newly elected Board of Directors and Officers is committed to make the Alumni Association a more dynamic and active group than it has been in the past. We will be organizing many events

and opportunities to get together in the coming months and we look forward to your support as we move forward with our goals of repairing our house and Re-Chartering the undergraduate chapter so that a new group of future brothers can share in our experiences.

The February Alumni Meeting will begin at 2:00 at the house with a short business meeting and tour, followed by a Drexel Dragon's basketball game in the Hazem Maragah Suite. Food and Beverages will be served. Please plan to attend

Re-Colonization Spring 2007

Pi Kappa Phi looks forward to returning to the Drexel University Campus. The National Fraternity under the local leadership of Dr. Vincent Thompson., Philadelphia Regional Governor is preparing to bring a vibrant and successful undergraduate chapter onto Campus in the Spring of 2007. The first step in our return to campus is the colonization, the recruitment process by which the students will be sought and attracted to join PKP.

The key to any successful colonization is the planning of that colonization. This process be-

gan about a year ago by generating Alpha Upsilon alumni support for the effort and in creating a local Board of Alumni Advisors that will guide the undergraduates over the next year through the re-chartering process. At the same time the Regional Governor visited with the Greek Advisor at the university and learned its policies, becoming familiar with areas ranging from risk management to recruitment.

In the beginning of the Spring Term, 2 representatives from National will begin a carefully

planned 4 to 6 week long recruitment process that involves many student organizations, administrators and other fraternity leaders. This process ends with the pre-initiation of the new associate member class. This new class, with the assistance of the Alumni Advisors will begin a one year long process that ends with the initiation ritual and granting of the charter in May of 2008. The Re-chartering will be celebrated at same time as the 75th anniversary banquet commemorating the founding of our Chapter.

Important Dates:

Dec 9

Work Day at 3405
Powelton Ave

February 10, 2007

Winter Alumni
Meeting and Drexel
Basketball Game

April 2007

Rush Begins

May 5, 2007

Drexel Blue & Gold
Days - House Tour
Spring Alumni Meet-
ing and Pi Kapp Open
Details to Follow

June 2007

Tentative Associate
Member Induction

September 2007

House Grand Opening

October 19, 2007

Fall Alumni Meet-
ing

May 17, 2008

Alpha Upsilon 75th
Anniversary and Re-
Chartering
Banquet

**Alpha Upsilon
By the Numbers**

**1,323 Total Members
214 Chapter Eternal
108 Lost Brothers
1,001 Active Alumni**

Trivia:

**Do you know the
origin of the name
DUSAK?**

Answer on back page

**Meeting Minutes, His-
tory, Updates, News,
etc. is available
online. Visit**

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clean-up effort. We are hoping that before the end of the year we will have a defined scope of work, budget and schedule for the repairs to the house.

Unlike the repairs completed after the fire in 1995, there are no insurance proceeds available

to complete the repairs. In early 2007, we will begin to contact Alumni to assist us in our efforts to restore the house to its former condition. Based on the response that we have received to date from alumni of all generations, we are looking forward to a successful capital campaign in 2007.



WE NEED YOUR HELP !!! IS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION CURRENT??

DON'T ASSUME YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT ..Update your personal information today by either emailing us at smarkley@lfdiscoll.com or mailing this form back to us care of Steve Markley, PO Box 352, Kimberton PA 19442...LETS GET RECONNECTED

Name _____

Brotherhood # _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City,State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Answer to Trivia Question: Kappa Sigma Delta was the name of the local Fraternity that became Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Upsilon Chapter on May 20, 1933. DUSAK backwards is "KSD" and "AU".